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**OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5420.58G**

**From:** Chief of Naval Operations  
**To:** All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field addressees not having Navy personnel attached)

**Subj:** NAVY UNIFORM BOARD

**Ref:** (a) U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations (NAVPERS 15665)

**1. Purpose.** To specify the composition, mission and responsibilities of the Navy Uniform Board. This is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

**2. Cancellation.** OPNAVINST 5420.58F.

**3. Establishment and Organization.** The Navy Uniform Board, reporting to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) via the Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) and Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO), assists the CNO in discharging his responsibilities for naval uniform matters.

**a. Composition**

(1) President: Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel. The President may designate the next senior board member as chairman in his/her absence.

(2) Regular Members: Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command; Special Assistant for Women's Policy (Pers-00W); Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy; Fleet Master Chief, Atlantic; Fleet Master Chief, Pacific; and a senior enlisted female with extensive sea duty experience to alternate between Atlantic and Pacific Fleet. Regular members may designate an alternate voting member.

**b. Working Groups.** The President, Navy Uniform Board is authorized to convene working groups as necessary to perform special functions and studies in carrying out the mission of the Navy Uniform Board.

**c. Permanent Staff.** The President, Navy Uniform Board will designate a commander (unrestricted

line) as permanent Head, Navy Uniform Matters and a Master Chief Petty Officer as enlisted representative to the permanent staff. The permanent staff will support the President, Navy Uniform Board, in carrying out his or her responsibilities. The staff will establish a point of contact with the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet; Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe; Commander, Naval Reserve Force; and Chief of Naval Education and Training to ensure uniform concerns and recommendations of our people are presented to the Navy Uniform Board.

**4. Mission.** The mission of the Navy Uniform Board is to consider any matter related to Navy uniforms in which a perceived problem exists or in which a possible improvement can be made. The Uniform Board will be guided by the uniform goals and policy established by the Secretary of the Navy and the CNO. The functions of the Board are to:

a. Coordinate matters pertaining to individual clothing.

b. Monitor implementation of uniform policy.

c. Review and recommend specification changes concerning design, detail and material of uniform items.

d. Submit individual clothing allowances for CNO-approved seabag requirements directly to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) for approval.

e. Coordinate development and testing of proposed uniforms and implementation of approved uniform improvements.

f. Monitor procurement, issue and retail of Navy uniforms to ensure conformance with reference (a).

g. Maintain close liaison with the other Services in matters concerning uniforms.

**5. Policy.** Uniform changes will be kept to a minimum and will be in consonance with the history and traditions of the Navy.

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**6. Action**

a. In carrying out the responsibilities assigned above, the President, Navy Uniform Board, will:

(1) Forward reports and recommendations to the CNO via CHNAVPERS and VCNO.

(2) Prepare all approved changes to reference (a) and submit to the CHNAVPERS for issuance.

b. Forward recommendations to be considered by the Navy Uniform Board through the chain of command, with appropriate comments and recommendations to President, Navy Uniform Board, Pers-333, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, D.C. 20370-3330.

**7. Reports.** Reports required by this instruction are exempt from reports control by SECNAVINST 5214.2B.

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